

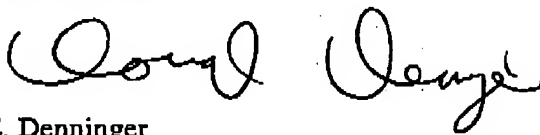
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REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain in the application, and are presented for examination. Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the amendment is readily found throughout the specification as filed. In particular, support for the amendment to claim 1 is found at page 4, line 21 (the second line from the bottom of the page). No new matter has been introduced.

The present application is now considered to be in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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